

in 2009 in America. That's what you're telling your small business people? That's what you're telling this country? We can't do it because it's going to cover illegal immigrants, when in section 246 it says, No Federal payment for undocumented aliens? That's all you got? That's it?

2009 in the United States of America in Congress and on right-wing talk radio, all you've got is this is going to cover illegal immigrants, when it's not even in the bill?

Come on. American people deserve better than that. This is not what they signed up for.

Running ads. We've got politicians running ads about how this is going to cover illegal immigrants. What are you talking about? Stop it. American people don't want to hear that. I mean, it's continuing—it's very consistent with what President Bush started off fear-mongering to the American people: if we can't beat them, we scare people. If we can't beat them on the merits, we try to scare people. And it's just—it's not right.

And so over the course of the next few days, weeks and months, we're going to go out and we're going to talk to the Americans. But we want to hear what they think this is, what they want, their concerns.

But I can guarantee you one thing right now. I can guarantee you one thing right now, Mr. Speaker, that there is not any level of fear that can come out of right-wing talk radio, that can come out of FOX News, that can come out of the Republican conference, that can come out of the Republican Senate conference, that can come from Karl Rove and Newt Gingrich and everyone else. There's not a level of fear that they could manufacture that will meet or be able to compete with the level of fear the American people feel under the current health care system. They can't meet it, and we are going to try to the best of our ability to alleviate that fear for the American people.

And our friends on the other side have not produced an alternative plan.

Now, as we're wrapping up here—and I'm almost done—but the Republicans have not produced an alternative. They have not produced a plan. Because their sole goal is to destroy this one.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I think it's important that we continue to ask the American people to look at the facts, look at what's in the bill. If you have questions, that's legitimate. This is a big deal. We should have a conversation about this, about what's actually in here. What's the subsidy level? What are the tax rates? Who's getting taxed in this whole deal and who is not? Who's going to get coverage, and what level of subsidy are they going to get? What's Medicaid going to look like? What's Medicare going to look like?

This bill, through the savings that we have here, fills the doughnut hole in Medicare. It fills the doughnut hole through the savings that we squeezed out of the system here. We filled the

doughnut hole for the Medicare prescription drug bill so that seniors won't drop off after a certain level and not get covered again until their bill goes up to \$5,000 or so a year. That's what we're doing here.

So, Mr. Speaker, it's important that we all ask the American people during the course of this discussion to remember that our friends on the other side who had their opportunity for health care reform, had their opportunity for energy reform, controlled the House, Senate, White House, didn't do anything. Now they're coming to us saying that we're doing it wrong.

But it's important to remember that their top Republican strategists issued a memorandum to the Republicans in the House of Representatives that they have to be against health care because if they defeat health care, they defeat Barack Obama and they bring him down.

Now, when you're listening to the debate on the issues, when you hear unsubstantiated rumors, Mr. Speaker, it's important that the American people hear that and see that within the context of this memo in which the Republicans have been instructed to march down the line of destroying Barack Obama's health care plan, you can keep the plan you have. You will have more choice. This will bend the cost curve, be uniquely American, save us money that we can reinvest so that our small businesses can compete.

Doing nothing will continue the cost curve on small business up 129 percent since the year 2000. If we do nothing, a family of four will see an \$1,800 increase in their health care bill next year, if that. And if we do nothing, people will still be denied by insurance companies who will say to them, We won't cover you because you have cancer. We won't cover you because you have heart disease. Those days need to be over.

And let's muster up the courage to communicate to the American people, to have a mature, adult discussion about health care in 2009 in the United States of America.

Since when did Americans get afraid to do big things? This is what we do. We've built transcontinental railroads, we built the interstate highway system, we make sure we lift millions of seniors out of poverty with the Medicare program. We do civil rights. We do big things in America. And this is the next great challenge for us.

And we've got to meet this challenge. Not for the sake of me going home and saying, hey, we met this challenge or Speaker PELOSI saying it or anyone else, but because this is what the American people want. This is what they want us to do.

So the next few days and weeks are going to be talking about this quality, affordable health care, health insurance reform, and we're going to do this. This is going to happen, and this is going to be another landmark achievement in the history of the United States.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CLYBURN (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of attending a memorial service.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. BERKLEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BERKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FORBES, for 5 minutes, July 29.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, July 29, 30 and 31.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on July 27, 2009 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 2632. To amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

H.J. Res. 56. Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2245. To authorize the President, in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the historic and first lunar landing by humans in 1969, to award gold medals on behalf of the United States Congress to Neil A. Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon; Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., the pilot of the lunar module and second person to walk on the moon; Michael Collins, the pilot of their Apollo 11 mission's command module; and, the first American to orbit the Earth, John Herschel Glenn, Jr.

H.R. 3114. To authorize the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to use funds made available under the Trademark Act of 1946 for patent operations in order to avoid furloughs and reductions-in-force, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from